

Representatives to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of the Senate or House of Representatives, respectively) at any time, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the Senate or House of Representatives.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act:

(1) **ADVISORY GROUP.**—The term "Advisory Group" means the Federal Facilities Redesignation Advisory Group established by section 1.

(2) **FEDERAL FACILITY.**—The term "Federal facility" means any building, road, bridge, complex, base, or other structure owned by the United States or located on land owned by the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, in open session, to receive testimony on the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 1999 and the future years Defense program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a hearing Tuesday, February 3, 1998, at 2:00 p.m., Hearing Room (SD-406), to receive testimony from Donald J. Barry, nominated by the President to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior; and Sallyanne Harper, nominated by the President, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1253, the Public Land Management Improvement Act of 1997.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YALE LIONS CLUB

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, today I rise to celebrate a momentous occasion for Lions Club of the City of Yale, Michigan. On Saturday, February 14th, the Yale Lions will commemorate their 50th anniversary. I am pleased to have the opportunity to offer my congratulations for this auspicious event.

The Lions Club is dedicated to community service, and for half a century Yale Lions have worked to benefit the entire City of Yale. At the crux of membership in the Lions Club is the desire to help fellow citizens, and their shining examples of service have been displayed to the whole community. Consequently, tremendous growth has occurred and membership continues to expand, with the number of members nearly tripling since the Club was founded many years ago. The strong commitment to helping other individuals is outstanding, and I commend each member of the association for all their tireless efforts.

Again, I wish to express my warmest wishes for a successful event. I thank the Lions Club of Yale for their ceaseless commitment to their community, and wish the organization a bright future.●

COMMENDING GAO ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER GENERAL J. DEXTER PEACH

• Mr. GLENN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay homage to one of our Nation's most dedicated and loyal public servants, Assistant Comptroller General of the United States, J. Dexter Peach.

On January 2nd of this year, J. Dexter Peach retired following a distinguished 38-year career with the United States General Accounting Office, capped by 15 years as an Assistant Comptroller General.

Mr. Peach began his career with the General Accounting Office in 1960, rising through the evaluator ranks to lead two of its major divisions—Energy and Minerals and the Resources, Community and Economic Development Divisions—serving as Assistant Comptroller General for the latter. He is an acknowledged subject matter expert on a wide variety of national programs and policy issues dealing with energy, environment, natural resources, and economic development matters and has an in-depth understanding of federal legislative and regulatory processes. As Assistant Comptroller General for Planning and Reporting, Dexter Peach had broad responsibility for maintaining the Office's planning system and assuring the overall quality of the agency's planning system and assuring the overall quality of the agency's products.

Mr. President, I had the privilege of working with Dexter Peach in my ca-

capacity as both Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. His critical work relating to energy issues after the OPEC embargo in 1973, earned him the Comptroller General's Award for contributions to energy issues of national importance. He has also received three Federal Senior Executive Service Rank Awards—a Distinguished Rank and two Meritorious Ranks. The American University also distinguished him with their prestigious Roger W. Jones Award, bestowed annually to a career federal civil servant for outstanding public service.

Mr. President, the General Accounting Office was created in 1921 with the mandate to audit, evaluate, or investigate virtually all federal government operations—wherever they might take place. In other words, the GAO serves as a "watchdog" over the taxpayers' money—guarding against fraud, abuse, and inefficient allocation of public funds.

GAO evaluations under Dexter Peach's guidance and leadership have saved taxpayers billions of dollars. During his career as Assistant Comptroller General, Congress has implemented numerous recommendations resulting from his work—including budget reductions, cost avoidances, appropriations deferrals, and revenue enhancements. He has also been instrumental in assisting the Congress by directing reports on the costs of cleaning up nuclear weapons complexes, environmental crises such as the Exxon/Valdez oil spill, efforts to preserve and protect the nation's drinking water, and issues dealing with the deregulation and safety of the airlines industry.

In short, Mr. President, Dexter Peach's tenure at GAO has been characterized by success on every level; throughout his career, he has served as an example of a truly exceptional public servant. I am sure I speak for all of us here in the Senate in giving recognition to a man who has served this Nation with integrity, dedication, honor, and diligence—Assistant Comptroller General J. Dexter Peach.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVE MOORE

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, it is with great sorrow that I rise today to acknowledge the passing of my former colleague Dave Moore on January 28, and with great joy that I recall his memory and the happiness he brought to Minnesota television viewers for over thirty-four years.

Dave Moore was hired by WCCO Television in Minneapolis for a series of announcing jobs in July of 1950. At the onset of daily newscasts at WCCO in 1957, Dave was placed at the helm of the 10 p.m. broadcasts.

For the next thirty-four years Dave would become a fixture on Minnesota television and a true icon. It is difficult to imagine that in July of 1957 the management of WCCO, and quite possibly Dave himself, knew that Dave